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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A composition comprising:

(a) an oligoglycoside selected from the group consisting of alkyl oligoglycosides, and/or alkenyl oligoglycosides and mixtures thereof;

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of [[a]] partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, [[a]] partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, [[a]] partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and mixtures thereof; and

(c) optionally, at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of [[a]] cosmetic active ingredients, [[a]] pharmaceutical active ingredients, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer [[is derived from a C₆₋₂₂]] comprises a partial ester with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The composition of claim 13 wherein both (a) and (b) are

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derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer ~~is present in~~ comprises a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is comprises a partial ester of tartaric acid ~~derived from~~ with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The composition of claim 13 wherein the foam stabilizer is comprises a partial ester of malic acid ~~derived from~~ with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A process for enhancing the dermatological and ophthalmic mucous membrane compatibility of a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical composition by adding to the composition an effective amount of a surfactant mixture containing:

(a) an alkyl and/or alkenyl oligoglycoside; and

(b) a foam stabilizer selected from the group consisting of [[a]] partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of tartaric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, [[a]] partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of malic acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, [[a]] partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and/or its salts of partial esters of citric acid with C₆₋₂₂ fatty alcohols, and mixtures thereof, with the proviso that (a) and (b) are employed in a ratio by weight of from about 60:40 to 40:60.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer ~~is derived from~~ comprises a [[C₆₋₂₂]] C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol partial ester.

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Claim 21 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein both (a) and (b) are derived from the same type of fatty alcohol.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is present in a salt form selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium, glucammonium, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is comprises a partial ester of tartaric acid ~~derived from~~ with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The process of claim 19 wherein the foam stabilizer is comprises a partial ester of malic acid ~~derived from~~ with a C₁₀₋₁₈ fatty alcohol.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 0.1 to 50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 1 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The process of claim 19 wherein the surfactant mixture is added to the composition in an amount of from about 2 to 15% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.